



Interstate 17 Construction Update

October 2, 2008

Carefree Highway interchange completed this week



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Upcoming Restrictions

Several closures and restrictions are planned on Interstate 17 for construction of improvements. Please see the complete list of restrictions below for information about restriction dates, times and alternate routes.

Carefree Highway Interchange

The Interstate 17 interchange at Carefree Highway (State Route 74), which underwent major reconstruction to accommodate more than four times its original traffic capacity, fully opened this week.

The modern design utilizes traditional diamond interchange entrance and exit ramps, as well as loop ramps, to eliminate left turns at traffic signals in the high-demand directions and significantly improve traffic flow. The loop ramps will prove especially beneficial for drivers of longer vehicles, such as the many boaters who use the interchange heading to Lake Pleasant. They now no longer need to make left turns at the interchange.

The \$19.6 million Carefree Highway interchange is one of several I-17 improvement projects under way north of Loop 101, including constructing new interchanges to improve freeway access and widening I-17 by two lanes in each direction between Loop 101 and Carefree Highway.

All I-17 improvement projects from Loop 101 to Carefree Highway are scheduled for completion in 2009. Construction is anticipated to begin this winter to widen I-17 from Carefree Highway to Anthem Way.

These projects are some of the first elements of the Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County and are funded through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new roads throughout the Valley through 2025. More information on the Regional Transportation Plan is available at www.ValleyFreeways.com.

While ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions, during any complex construction project, there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Please visit our [Web site](#) for the most current information about planned and ongoing I-17 restrictions.

Here's an overview of scheduled restrictions and closures for Interstate 17 projects:

Interstate 17 from Jomax Road to Dixileta Drive

Thursday, Oct. 2 – Friday, Oct. 3

10 p.m. – 5 a.m.

Northbound I-17 will be restricted to one lane between Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive from Thursday night until Friday morning for paving and removing temporary concrete barriers as part of the I-17 widening project.

Interstate 17 from Jomax Road to Dixileta Drive

Monday, Oct. 6 – Friday, Oct. 10

10 p.m. – 5 a.m.

I-17 will be restricted to one lane in both directions nightly between Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive from Monday night until the morning of Friday, Oct. 10 for paving as part of the I-17 widening project.

In addition to the I-17 construction north of Loop 101, drivers should be aware of closures to the south this weekend:

Interstate 17 between Dunlap Avenue and Thunderbird Road

Friday, Oct. 3 – Saturday, Oct. 4

9 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Northbound Interstate 17 will be closed between Dunlap Ave. and Thunderbird Rd. from Friday night until Saturday afternoon for pavement work. Use frontage roads and 19th and 35th avenues as alternate routes.

Interstate 17 between Thunderbird Road and Dunlap Avenue

Saturday, Oct. 4 – Sunday, Oct. 5

9 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Southbound Interstate 17 will be closed between Thunderbird Rd. and Dunlap Ave. from Saturday night until Sunday afternoon for pavement work. Use frontage roads and 19th and 35th avenues as alternate routes.

Drivers should anticipate delays and allow extra time, or adjust travel to avoid closures and restrictions. ADOT appreciates your patience as we construct improvements on I-17.

An audio podcast outlining this week's I-17 Traffic Alert can be downloaded from the [ADOT Web site](#).

- For general information about I-17 improvements, contact the I-17 project hotline at 480.890.3055 or projectupdate@lewin-associates.com.
- For information on construction activities, contact Lars Jacoby at

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- For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www.az511.gov or call 5-1-1.

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